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Fernald Union Ratifies Five-Year Collective Bargaining Agreement

CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 12, 1998 - Members of the Fernald Atomic Trades and Labor Council (FAT&LC) voted Sunday, March 8, 1998 to accept a new five-year collective bargaining agreement with Fluor Daniel Fernald. This contract represents a collaborative effort between FAT&LC and Fluor Daniel Fernald to continue making progress toward accomplishing the mission at Fernald -- cleaning up the site in a safe and efficient manner at an accelerated pace.

"Members of the Fernald Atomic Trades and Labor Council have the expertise, skills, and institutional knowledge needed to help us complete the Fernald cleanup," said John Bradburne, president of Fluor Daniel Fernald. "Utilization of this knowledge will help us continue to make progress at Fernald."

This joint union/management effort has resulted in a leading-edge example of an agreement that satisfies the dual goals of maintaining necessary skills and talent for project completion, while preparing those who have fulfilled their roles at Fernald for employment elsewhere.

"I am pleased we will continue to work together with the Department of Energy and Fluor Daniel Fernald to complete such a complex project," said Bob Schwab, president of FAT&LC. "We are looking forward to the next five years of working safely and efficiently as a team."

This is the first five-year contract approved at any Department of Energy (DOE) site completely dedicated to remediation and could serve as the model for other DOE facilities entering the final stage of cleanup.

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